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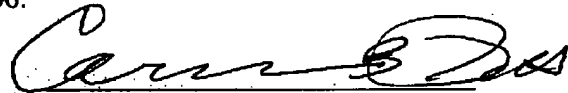
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2006 in connection with the above-designated application. A response to the Office Action was due April 9, 2006, which fell on a Sunday. April 10, 2006 is the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

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